village, such members are preferred to members from other villages?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In that case why was not Puthumana Sivadasan Vallabhan Namboori nominated in preference to Thoma who belongs to another village?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is this not a matter *sub judice*?

President.—Is it pending in Court?

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—There is a suit about election.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is over. Injunction has been granted and the election of the President is over.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—It is only temporary. The suit is now pending.

President.—We shall not take it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The suit in the District Court is not with regard to the nomination of any individual but with regard to the election of the President.

President.—Whether it is valid nomination, valid election, whether they are entitled to the vote, all these questions will be relevant.

Supply of questions and answers.

664. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform, with reference to the statement made by the Hon'ble Member in charge of the P. W. D. on page 747 (II Cochin Legislative Council Reports, Vol. I, Part II, dated 25th Karkadagam 1103)that in a list of questions sent to me last night this was not included:—

(a) why the question referred to was not included in the list ;

(b) whether printed or typed list of questions was supplied to the Hon'ble Member ;

(c) whether the list of questions supplied contained the answers also;

(d) whether such previous lists are being supplied to all official Members ; and if so,

(e) when was this practice first started ;

(f) whether it was the Diwan or the President of the Council that ordered to give such previous lists and whether the order will be printed and placed on the Table ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a) It is not clear what the acting Chief Engineer has meant by the statement. The question referred to was included in the list supplied from the Secretariat.

(b) Typed list.

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(c) Yes.

(d) A list of questions which a particular Member has to answer with the answers as finally approved by the Government is being sent to him.

(e) and (f). There was no specific order. The Member is referred to the discussion in the matter contained in the Council Proceedings, Vol. II, Part 17, pages 1372 to 1373.

Taungya System.

665. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table:—

(1) the file of the correspondence that passed between the Conservator of Forests and the Diwan regarding the adoption of Taungya system of planting in the State ;

(2) what were the proposals of the Conservator of Forests with regard to the terms under which this system may be adopted ;

(3) reasons of the Conservator of Forests for disapproving the proposals of the Comptroller of Accounts ;

(4) who were the contractors to whom this planting was entrusted in 1103 and 1104 and what is the area entrusted to each and what was the quantity of timber and fuel in each area ;

(5) has not the area wherefrom the Alwaye Tile Company removed fuel and timber on seigniorage at Malayattur been entrusted to one Kunji Pyloth; if so, on what conditions ;

(6) why could not the procedure adopted in the case of Kunji Pyloth be adopted elsewhere also ;

(7) who is responsible for the loss so far incurred to the Sirkar for the last 3 years on account of giving areas for planting free of seigniorage for the standing growth and permitting the contractor to raise catch crops also and what will be the approximate loss to the Sirkar under the present working arrangement ;

(8) the quantity of timber or firewood removed by each of the contractors who did planting work under Taungya system in 1101--1102 and 1103 and the value thereof at the existing seigniorage rates ;

(9) (i) the quantity of timber of each species and fuel removed by contractors Abdul Kadir, Muhamed Khan and E. V. Ouseph from the areas given to them and by the Chettikulam Plantation staff for plantation in 1103 and the expenditure incurred by Government for planting up the areas; (ii) were not the contractors allowed to raise catch crops in these areas;

(10) will not the Government be more benefited and get better price for the growth if the same was put up for auction;

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